

## BOOK REVIEWS



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**OBSTETRICS FOR NURSES.** By Joseph B. De Lee, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics in the Northwestern University Medical School of Chicago. The new (Second) Revised Edition. 12mo of 510 pages, fully illustrated. Price \$2.50. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company.

This book, which was reviewed in these pages on its first appearance, two years ago, is already so well known that it needs no further introduction. The present edition includes the latest methods in obstetrical nursing; these very naturally remain very much as they were two years ago. In the part devoted to visiting or district nursing, there are some new and practical suggestions, notably the recommendation of old newspapers, which when sterilized may supply a shortage of linen, rubber sheets, and even basins. We may gather from this that Chicago is not behind New York in multiple editions daily of the newspaper. We note the use of a new mercurial solution, Sublamin, used as a substitute for bichloride and in the same proportion; a new way of generating formaldehyde vapor; and also a new preparation of albumen, soluble in water, called Calodal, used hypodermically in a five per cent. solution, and also added to the nutrient enema, or forming its chief ingredient.

**DORLAND'S AMERICAN ILLUSTRATED MEDICAL DICTIONARY.** A new and complete dictionary of the terms used in Medicine, Surgery, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Chemistry, and kindred branches; with over one hundred new and elaborate tables and many handsome illustrations. The new Fourth Revised Edition. By W. A. Newman Dorland, M.D. Large octavo, over 850 pages, with two thousand new terms. Flexible leather, \$4.50 net; indexed, \$5.00 net. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1906.

The fourth edition of Dorland's dictionary comes to us with every adjunct of sumptuous elegance that the printer and binder can devise. The result is a delight to the eye, in the warm coloring of red and gold, while the touch and odor of the leather cannot fail to awaken a feeling of gratitude in any one who uses the book.

Perhaps nowhere else in English literature is there such a constant

growth in the vocabulary as in the field of medicine. Dr. Dorland does not allow these new words to escape, and every year rounds up all the new additions. He claims to have added two thousand to this year's list, as well as adding to the illustrations most generously.

**PROPHYLAXIS AND TREATMENT OF INTERNAL DISEASES.** By Frederick Forchheimer, M.D., Professor of Theory and Practice of Medicine and Clinical Medicine, Medical College of Ohio, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. D. Appleton & Co., 436 Fifth Avenue, New York.

While primarily written for physicians and advanced students, this book is nevertheless recommended to every nurse who finds satisfaction in intelligent observation of the cases which it is her privilege to assist in caring for. The name of the book is itself a hint of its contents. The writing is of distinct style, showing the author to be master of writing as well as of medicine. The practical tone of the book reveals itself more particularly in such pages as the general prophylaxis of diseases of the respiratory tract, or prophylaxis in tuberculosis.

**A MANUAL OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.** By A. A. Stevens, A.M., M.D., Professor of Pathology in the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, and Lecturer on Physical Diagnosis at the University of Pennsylvania. New Seventh Edition, thoroughly revised. 12mo of 556 pages, illustrated. Flexible leather, \$2.50 net. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1905.

The seventh edition of this rather unique work appears in fine black leather binding. It retains its original plan for giving in brief and condensed form the results of the great army of writers who have written at length on special subjects.

Not a book for reading, so much as a handy reference work, covering a very extensive field, and including all the diseases usually described in a practice of medicine.

**TEXT-BOOK OF MIDWIFERY FOR NURSES.** By Robert Jardine, M.D., Edin., M.R.C.S., Eng., F.F.P. & S., Glasgow, F.R.S., Edin. London: Henry Kimpton. Chicago: W. T. Keener Co.

W. T. Keener of Chicago introduces the third edition of this book, which, however excellent in its own habitat, is too far removed from its proper zone to flourish here. The midwife, one of the oldest institutions in the world, has not flourished in America. No nurse desires to assume responsibility in midwifery, even if the law allowed her to. As a handbook on obstetrical nursing, the book has much to recommend it, although it is not to be placed in the same category as those by our own writers on the same subject.